

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are currently pending. Claims 9 and 13-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims are newly added or amended, thus, no new matter has been added.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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